

Mark Rochell for Bembridge

Report to Bembridge Parish Council – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Dear Councillors,

Well, it's been a bit of a whirlwind over the past two weeks to say the least.

I've been attempting to attend as many inductions/training sessions at County Hall as possible, whilst also juggling the day job. Then to add to all that, a car ran into my car on Foreland Road last week, meaning I've been off the road and having to deal with insurance claims and garages too. The last thing I needed right now!

But if I can make it through these first few weeks still smiling, I can probably make it through anything.

Unfortunately, being in post for just under 2 weeks means that there isn't much to update the Parish Council on just yet.

The major date will be the IoWC Full Council meeting on Wed 27th May, where we will find out just how the Council is likely to work together and positions on Committees will be decided.

In the meantime, I'm working on meeting with IoWC Officers and hoping to form relationships for future conversations around Steyne Park lease, road surfaces, resilience group etc etc.

My fellow Lib Dem Councillor, Michael Lilley, has also followed up with the CEO of Southern Water, Lawrence Gosden to arrange a meeting on the Island. This had been agreed but postponed due to the elections. I've ensured that Micheal has made it clear to Mr Gosden that I, and Cllr Groom, would like to specifically talk to him about the issues and possible investment planned for Bembridge. His team are working on coming back with a new date and I'll keep you informed of progress.

Thank you.

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